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THIS PAPER RECEIVES THE COM-BLIED TELEGRAPHIC-NEWS SER-VICE OF THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIA-TED PRESS AND THE UNITED PRESS

Mr. Carlisle's Views Again-The Situation.

Christmas came just in time to afford to most of the members of Congress an opportunity to go home and consult with their constituents as to what it were best to do in the circumstances by which they are surrounded. By the time they return they may have made up their minds on this subject. And vet Mr. Carlisle bluntly declares that he is satisfied that there is only one permanent remedy for our financial embarassments, and that is the retirement and cancellation of the legal-tender notes. But he does not and will not insist upon a resort to that measure, seeing that it would require time for its consideration and for its complete execution, if adop-

We must own that, despite the teachings of the experts, we are not convinced that the retirement and cancellation of the greenbacks would lift the black veil from our commerce trade and set the wheels of business in motion. Neither Mr. Caritisle nor Mr. Swanson nor anybody else who has tackled the subject has explained in what manner a new law providing for the retirement of the greenbacks would operate or work out that result-that is, getting rid of the black veil.

We have had occasion to say that noin any given country to carry on the business of that country. There is no way of ascertaining the fact, we was a British economist who first made the point that if the amount of the currency of a country was \$100,000,000 when that currency was used only once a day the amount would rise to \$200,000,000 if the currency was used twice a day. If there is any problem as this involved in Mr. Swanson's theories, he will have to revise his figures. By the way, the Greenthing is more ridiculous than to imagine | matter "Men are not bought and sold." the male convicts in the penitentiary; currency gives value to property, (*) various schemes for reducing the 'As currency gives value to property, and is a medium of exchange, it should be in proportion to the wealth and business of the country," Evidently, Mr. Swanson and Mr. Carlisie do not agree

Congress will be giad to talk over the the prospect is that both sides will re- debated fully in the two houses. turn to Washington next Monday as firmly fixed in their opinions as they are to-day. Mr. Carlisle is still grieving over the loss of \$16,000,000, which he says the country sustained because Congress refused to make the last bonds payable

Mr. Carlisle is probably right in what he says as to requiring the Secretary of Treasury to advertise for bids. This,

is no previous question in the Senate. and that body will discuss without limit | arm his countrymen. the new tariff proposed in the House of Representatives, and also the new bond

The Buncombe Emergency Bills.

The buncombe bills is the right name for the two money bills that the House has passed and sent to the Senate. The purpose of one is to supply current revenue that is not needed, and the purpose of the other is to authorize the Issue of bonds that cannot be sold

So far from aiming to help the administration at the crisis in our mancist affairs the Reed Republicans have done all they could to handicap it. However, we are glad to know that the German-Wilson tariff bill (which the President could not approve) is bringing in all the ey that is needed from imports, and that the existing bond-issuing law is ample enough to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to protect the gold re-

Meanwhile we have the Republicans lauding a horizonal increase of the tariff after pronouncing on the case of the Morrison bill) that horizontal legislation on the tariff was the most absurd

cial Club, of Chicago, the president of and enlarge circulation. that body took occasion to criticise the looseness and extravagance of the city for them than any other class, because gold and silver.

they have been wofully neglectful of their duties as voters. Furthermore, he intimated that ome of the capitalists of of speculation is rife in the land. attention that they deserve.

is a singular fact that all over this land the men who should take the greatest interest in municipal government, are the men who are least willing to do their

Legislature and Horse-Racing.

The Washington Post says that for the past two weeks it has been apparent that unless "adverse legislation or had weather interferes," racing will continue indefinitely at Alexander Island and St. Asaph. however, says, will not allow racing there | the man who has not fifty dollars at com-The proprietors of those resorts, the Post, when the weather is stormy or the tracks mand, puts up his thirty or twenty dolthere have been races at these tracks this linds himself without even market money. sloppy. Nevertheless, we understand, winter when the ground was frozen.

The Post is informed that the "Virginia Legislature seems in no hurry to take up the racing question, although it has been stated that a bill to at least curtail the sport will be introduced soon after the holidays." And it learns that "it is the general impression among residents of the the Legislature will not go further than to prizes. The Herald says that in the two State who are in a position to judge that limit the number of days on which racing will be allowed at any one track, and it is not believed that even this will be accomplished without a hard fight."

ter-racing. They believe that it is a great ed over frozen ground.

If the Legislature can get to a vote on very firmly and heavily upon the practice | British commerce in case of war. revailing at St. Asaph and Alexander Island.

On the subject of book-making and poolselling there is greater difference of opinion. The majority are probably opposed to it altogether; but the State Agricultural Society is leading a movement, which, as we understand it, proposes to let bookmaking, etc., be lawful on each track, say for ten days in each year, One promise is that Governor wishes book-making and pool-selling torn up, root and branch, and it is feared that he will not approve the plan proposed by the society

It is quite certain that there will be legislation at this session against winterracing, and against book-making and pool-selling too, but it would seem to be the part of wisdom to divide the question. and deal with it in two bills.

It would also be wise not to defer action on the subject until the tail-end of the session. One of the worst acts of this class was passed in the hurry and confuon of the closing days of the last session of the Legislature. So those who heartily wish for changes in the laws should insist upon early action, else no matter how strong they may be numerically, they may be defeated of their purpose in the end.

Legislative Business.

Shade of Patrick Henry defend us! Legislature is hinting at the possibility of a sixty-days' session. Supposing such a thing to be compatible with a proper dispaten of business, what would become of the breed of orators who never befor-falled the Old Dominion? It will be time enough to look for a sixty-days' session of the Virginia Legislature when the event occurs.—The Petersburg Index-Ap-

You are right. We do not look for a short session. The Legislature will do well if it makes good, clean, careful jobs of the work before it, and adjourns at the end of ninety working days. It has before | was a member of Parliament sixty-three it many important questions, foremost years ago. among which are: Revision of the election-law; (2) question of calling a constitutional convention; (3) matters relating to the husbanding of our revenue. terest upon the public debt and meet current expenses of government; (4) backers, who have clamored so longly propositions to amend the oyster-laws; (5) for an issue of greenbacks sufficient to proposed action in relation to amending make the volume of the currency as the laws as to winter racing and poolmuch per capita as it was some years | selling: (6) contest over amendments to ago, are told by Mr. Swanson that no- the charter of Richmond city; (7) the that the currency should be in proportion of the University rotunda, etc.; (8) the to population. "People are not traded matter of providing more cell-room for

criminal expenses of the State, etc., etc. A dezen other matters of nearly equal importance with these might be mentioned but it is not necessary. Suffice as to what is the office of greenbacks. It to say that the Legislature has before We have said that the members of it many pieces of work of unusual importance-matters that ought to be con ustion with their constituents. But sidered carefully in the committees, and

Let's Call Out Edison.

"If there is a war with England, which I trust there never will be," says Thomas A. Edison, "you may quote me as saying there will be some remarkable things done by Americans. For myself, I will say that I will abandon all else and give my whole energy to the service of my

And won't be be an army himself however, is a very small matter, at pre- Think of the innumerable inventions he would bring into the battle-fields; and Soon there will be high times in Con- how he would put armies to flight. It gress-in both branches, we mean. There is impossible to imagine the wonderful engines of war with which he would

> Is there any record or tradition here of the life in Richmond of Dr. Schomburgk? It is said that he lived here about 1828 Later he went to South America. and there became distinguished as a botanist and explorer. It was he who drew the line known as "the Schomburgk line" between Venezuela and British Guiana, which, however, has never been accepted as the true line. Our inquiries so far, have failed to disclose any information as to his residence here; but about 1828 there were several Germans Richmond, and it may be that he was associated with one of these houses. It is stated that the factory where he was employed was destroyed by fire, and that he then left Richmond. This incident may help to recall some reminiscence of

The Chicago newspapers have all united in a common agreement that on and after the 1st of February next they will entirely discontinue the use of chromo pictures as gifts to subscribers and purchasers of their respective journals, and also discontinue the various guessing At a recent meeting of the Commer- prizes invented to attract public attention

his life here.

The New York Evening Post says that government. Thereupon Mayor Swift the effect of a law compelling the payment turned upon him and "warmed him up." of customs duties in gold would prob-The Mayor charged that in so far as the ably be to force that coin to a premium, charges made were true, the business-men of Chicago were more responsible ernment to maintain a parity between

The Spirit of Speculation.

Chicago had bribed councilmen to grant sayings and doings of Wall street are franchises that they asked. Altogether, as familiar in the circles of speculation the Mayor created a sensation. What is in one city as in those of almost any tter, he has forced many of the well-to- other city. As the Charlotte (N. C.) Obdo citizens to acknowledge that they do server says, the political economist may not give the city politics the time and find matter for reflection in this tendency of the day. The New York methods have ramified until they are furrowing the soil of the whole country. Wherever there is a town or village large enough to have a telegraph office there the 'ticker" is going day and night to inflate with hope or depress with appretension the merchant, the lawyer, the laborer, the professional man, who can raise \$50, or \$100, or \$1,000 to stake on cotfon futures or some other species of-we were about to say gambling. If only rich men indulged in these speculations, they would not be so demoralizing. But lars as a margin, and the next day How is this evil to be cured?

The New York Herald of Sunday prints a map of the cruise of the Alabama in the Atlantic. The course of the celebrated Confederate commerce-destroyer is indicated by a dotted line, and the approximate positions of her prizes when capby stars, and the names of the years of her eventful career the Alabama sank and burned over sixty-five vessels. Of course, adds the Heraid, she failed to capture the Kearsarge, but that was The people of this State, lovers of not Semmes's fault. No; had Semmes's horses particularly, are opposed to win- powder not been defective, a different story might have been told regarding the cruelty to drive a horse at the top of hig Alabama-Kearsarge engagement. However, the Herald's map and its comments address themselves to showing what damthis question, it will put its foot down age our fast cruisers might inflict upon

Whether we have war with Great Britain or not, or whether Mr. Cleveland was right or wrong in all of the language of his special message to Congress about the Venezuela dispute, there can be no reasonable doubt that the message will have a good effect upon England and her rulers, and make them more careful in the future of how they deal with this nation—Lynchburg News. deal with this nation.-Lynchburg News.

A good many years ago England ingreat difficulty about this proposed com- dulged in the habit of saying whatever she chose to say to the United States; but ever since the war between the States showed our great strength she has behaved as well as any other coun-So she will act in the case now under consideration; and there will be no war between John Bull and Brother Jonathan.

didate for the presidency. His decision that but for his advanced years he would be a formidable competitor of McKinley. Allison, Reed, and Harrison,

Lord Dunrayen, it seems, had no evidence to support his charges against the Defender syndicate, and so he has now, if he had not before, crowded himself out of the ranks of genuine sportsmen,

It is a fact that every editor in the country with a disordered liver is engaged in opposing the President's Venezu-elan policy.-Washington Post. We accept the explanation.

Lieutenant E. A. Gilmore, of the Cuban army, makes a statement showing that the patriots have 63,000 men under arms,

and are making an aggressive fight.

Mr. Cladstone celebrated his 86th birthday on Sunday at Biarritz, France. He

It was evidently high time for talk of

ern North Carolina, and there is doubt as to whether they are after ducks or

An Anglo-Russian entente for the occupation of Armenia is said to be a proposition now before Lord Salisbury.

It looks as if the war issue and the bond issue might come to an end at about the same time President Dole says Hawaii is planning

to organize as a part of the United

"Horizontal Tom" it is now since the latest tariff bill passed the House.

H. B. Plant announces that the Florida

orange erop is in good condition.

Grip has made its appearance at Philadelphia in a modified form.

ABOUT VENEZUELA.

Facts Which Have Not Appeared in Diplomatic Correspondence. (New York Sun.)

The area of Venezuela is 632,000 square miles, larger than that of any country in Europe, except Russia, and larger than that of any State in the United States. The area of Texas is 265,000 square miles.

The population of Venezuela by the last census was 2,550,000. This is more than Denmark's and less than Switzerland's. It is about the same as that of Massachusetts. The last official estimate of the population of Massachusetts. made on January 1, 1894, was 2,472,000 By the Federal census of five years ago the population of Massachusetts was 2,population of Massachusetts was 2,-

Caracas, the capital and chief city of Venezuela, has a population of 70,000, or less than that of Fall River. It is built on an elevation of 3,000 feet above the sea level. It was founded in 1867. the sea level. It was founded in 1667. Caracas is an Indian name; the name of the Indians of the neighborhood which the Spanish ploneers affixed to the original title of the new town, Santiago de Leon. In 1812, the year of the latest American war with Great Britain, an earthquake in Caracas buried 12,000 persons in the rulns of a part of the city. The date of this earthquake was March

There are 200,000,000 acres of forest lands in the republic of Venezueta. Rosewood, satinwood, mahogany, and white and black ebony are found.

The distance from New York to La Guayra, the port of Caracas, is 2,299 miles. In addition to coffee, gold and fine woods, Venezuela exports hides, co-coa, and cattle. The distance from La Gusyra to London is nearly 5,000 miles.

The salary of the American Minister to Venezuela is \$1,500. The rank of Venezuela's representative at Washington is that of Envoy Extraordinary and Minthat of Envoy Extraordinary and Min-ister Plenipotentiary. Although vene-zuela has been for many years a re-public, its official representatives are pro-found between in a conventional on-servance of official etiquette. A con-siderable number of diplomatic disputes have taken place between the Venezuelan State Department and the representatives of various foreign governments

On the north shore of Venezueia, or rather to the north of that republic, are several islands of greater fame than large area, particularly the island of Curacoa, a Dutch possession; the island of Trinidad, a British possession; the island of Tortuga, and the British isle of St. George.

Some of the most picturesque and lo-quacious parrots and lively cockatoos come from Venezuela.

The length of Venezuela from east to west is 900 miles, and from north to south

There are fourteen varieties of monkeys in Venezuela and no cuckoos. The name Venezuela means Little Venice. The coffee crop of Venezuela amounts to \$15,000,000 a year in value. The average crop is 60,000 tons of coffee. Two-thirds of this product is exported, mostly to Eng-land. Maracaibo is one of the centres of trade; Maracaibo coffee is known every-

Venezuela first made declaration of its independence in 1810. The present republic was formed in 1830, in the same year that Helgium became an independent monarchy. The rival political parties in Venezuela are the Unionists and the Federalists. The former favor a centralized government; the latter are for home rule. Both are opposed to foreign invasion, encroachment, or confiscation.

The army of Venezuela, on a peace footing consists of 1,000 horsemen, 1,000 infan-try soldiers, and 1,000 artillerymen, exclu-sive of the local militia and irregular troops. By the law of Venezuela all citizens between the ages of 18 and 45 (both inclusive) are liable to service in the nu-

The average gold product of Venezuela in a year is \$1,000,000. The standard of value in the republic of Venezuela is the bolivar, so called after Simon Bolivar, and the value of it is the same as a French frame-19.3 cents. Venezuela does not produce silver. Much of the foreign debt is held in England. The exports of Venezuela exceed the imports by \$3,000,000 a year.

There are more than 300 lakes within the boundaries of Venezuela, one of the largest being 1,60 feet above the level largest being 1,600 feet above the level of the sea. The Orinoco river, the largest in Veneguela, is 1,600 miles long. It is five times as long as the Hudson river, but less than one third the length of the Amazon, and less than one half the length of the Mississippi. The roads of Venezuela are inferior. Communication is difficult. The government, however, has expended large sums of money for the improvement of the approaches to some of the larger towns. There are twenty States in Venezuela, the official twenty States in Venezuela, the official division being based on the Constitution of the United States. There is also a federal district, corresponding to the Dis trict of Columbia, and there are several outlying territories.

The mineral products of Venezuela, in Governor Morton, of New York, is considering whether he will become a candidate for the presidency. His decision will be announced in a few days. He is 72 years of age. It is agreed on all hands that but for his advanced years he would

from November to April. The Winter season lasts from April to November.
The climate of the temperate part of
the country is the finest in South America. the country is the finest in South America, the most equable, and the most salubrious outside of Peru. The women of Venezuela are of the Spanish type, and are celebrated for their beauty. The language of the country is Spanish; no language is sweeter. About 45,000,000 persons altogether speak Spanish as their native language, a majority of them living in South and Central America.

Venezuela imports from the United States in a year about \$4,190,000 worth of goods, chiefly manufactured articles. From Great Britain it imports \$3,800,000, from Germany \$2,100,000, from France \$2,600,000, and from Spain \$300,000. This is the country from which Venezuela imports most, and this is the country to which Venezuela exports most. Venezuela's exports to the United States average \$12,000,000, to France \$7,000,000, to England \$2,100,000, and to Germany and Spain \$600,000 each.

The debt of Venezuela at the time of war, since a northern poet has undertaken to make Venezuela rhyme with influenza.

A Vanderbilt party is down in East-land 387, and in France \$18.

Venezuela is in the extreme northern Venezuela is in the extreme northern part of South America, directly facing the Carlibbean rea. To the west of it is the republic of Colombia: to the south is Brazil: to the east are the territoria possessions of three European governments combined under the geographical name of Guiana. The furthest away from Venezuela is French Guiana, a territory of 46,000 square miles, and 25,000 population, the chief city of which is Cayenne, whence comes the pepper, and to which French criminals convicted of serious offences are transported. Next to which French criminals convicted of serious offences are transported. Next nearest to Venezuela, but not touching it at any point, is Dutch Guiana, a territory of almost exactly the same size as the French Colony, but having a population twice as large. Paramaribo is the chief town. Next, and adjacent to Venezuela, is British Guiana, the size of which is in dispute.

The Prince of Wales's Cablegram. (London Correspondence New York Times.)

The message of the Prince of Wales and The message of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York, was, of course, officially sanctioned by the Foreign Office. Constitutional princes are trained from childhood to walk a political chalk line with painful solicitude, and they could not have dreamed of sending such a telegram without the consent of the Prime Minister. The fact that such a step is unprecedented in English annais shows the vital importance which official England on second thought attaches to preventing a rupture with America. Nobody here cavilled at its being sent, which is perhaps even more eloquent a sign of the perhaps even more eloquent a sign of the popular willingness to let it be understood that a mistake had been made and to meet the American views on the matter in any reasonable way.

Ye Goode Man's Oath.

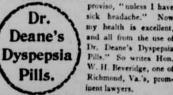
(Atlanta Constitution.) Ye goode man of ye house doth swears (Start not, ye gentil foik!)
To quaff no drinke for this one years. (He loveth well his joke!) His wyfe saith: "Bravo!" Ye must know She is right gladde he sweareth so!

His oath, he saith, hath register In holy court above.
Unto his wyfe he saith to her:
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Yet, ere my worde doth skyward pass, I pledge thee in this farewell glasse

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